

**REMARKS**

The Office Action acknowledged Applicants' election of Group I (claims 1-21, 27-57, 68, 75, 80, 84 and 90). Applicants note that the current Office Action has removed claims 68, 75, 80, 84, and 90 from Group I. With this response, Applicants maintain their election of Group I (now claims 1-21 and 27-57).

The instant Office Action further requires a species election. With this Response, Applicants elect species I-1, corresponding to claims 1-21.

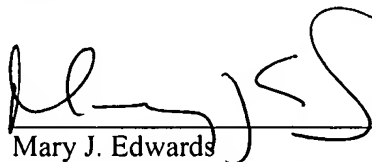
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable reconsideration and issuance of this application as amended herein. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution of this application.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this submission. However, if any fees are due in connection with this application, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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